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SUBJECT: ALBANIA RECEIVES FRENCH COMMERCIAL MISSION

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DEPARTMENT GRATEFUL FOR OPPORTUNITY TO AUGMENT OUR SLENDER
KNOWLEDGE OF ALBANIA AND REQUEST THAT EMBASSY CONVEYS OUR
APPRECIATION FOR ANY ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY SHOULD POSE
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS ANY POSED BY OTHER
ADDRESSEES:

(A) WHO ARE ALBANIA'S LEADING TRADE PARTNERS AND WHAT IS
THEIR RESPECTIVE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF TRADE? HOW LARGE IS
CEMA'S SHARE?

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(B) WHAT IS THE PRESENT LEVEL OF CHINESE AID AND WILL IT

CONTINUE TO DECLINE?

(C) WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT VISIT BY AN
ALBANIAN TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN?

(D) WHAT ARE ALBANIA'S INTENTIONS RE THE 5 YEAR AGREEMENTS
WITH YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE AND RENEWAL OF SAME WITH
ROMANIA? WHY HAS ALBANIA NOT RENEWED THE 5 YEAR AGRE-
EMENTS WITH OTHER CEMA MEMBERS?

(E) CONFIRM THE LOWER TARGETS OF THE 6TH 5 YEAR PLAN AS
COMPARED TO THE 5TH PLAN. HOW MUCH LOWER ARE THEY, AND
IS THAT DUE TO A DECREASE IN AID FROM CHINA?

(F) WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE OF ENVER HOXHA'S HEALTH?
OF MEHMET SHEHU'S? IS THERE ANY LINE OF SUCCESSION,
EITHER IMPLIED OR OPENLY STATED?

(G) WHAT ARE THE AGES AND BACKGROUNDS OF THE NEW
POLITBURO MEMBERS? WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE AIR FORCE?

(H) WHAT ARE THE IMPRESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS
AS TO THE PLANS AND POLICIES THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
THE NEW ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP? DO THEY DIFFER DRASTICALLY
FROM PREVIOUS PRACTICE?

(I) HAS THE INTERNAL TENSION EXHIBITED EARLIER IN THE
YEAR IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS AND OTHER DEFENSE
WORKS DISSIPATED? KISSINGER

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